



Honey FPO Programme: NAFED

Why in News

Recently, the **Minister of Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare** has virtually inaugurated the **Honey Farmer Producer Organisation (FPO) Programme** of the [National Agricultural Cooperative Marketing Federation of India Limited](#) (NAFED).

- A **Producer Organisation (PO)** is a legal entity formed by primary producers, viz. farmers, milk producers, fishermen, weavers, rural artisans, craftsmen, etc.
 - FPO is one type of PO where the members are farmers.
- **Apiculture or beekeeping** is the care and management of honey bees for the production of honey and wax. In this method, bees are bred commercially in apiaries, an area where a lot of beehives can be placed.

Key Points

- The programme has been launched under the **Formation and Promotion of FPOs**.
 - It is a new **Central Sector Scheme** for the promotion of **10,000 new FPOs**.
 - Under it, the **National Level Project Management Advisory and Fund Sanctioning Committee** (N-PMAFSC) had allocated FPO clusters for **2020-21** to all implementing agencies.
 - Initially there will be three implementing agencies to form and promote FPOs, namely [Small Farmers Agri-business Consortium](#) (SFAC), [National Cooperative Development Corporation](#) (NCDC) and [National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development](#) (NABARD).
 - **NAFED** has been appointed as the 4th national implementing agency.
 - States may also, if so desire, nominate their implementing agency in consultation with the **Department of Agriculture, Cooperation and Farmers' Welfare** (DAC&FW).
 - FPOs will be developed by specialist **Cluster Based Business Organizations** (CBBOs) engaged by implementing agencies.
- NAFED, through CBBOs and the **Indian Society of Agribusiness Professionals** (ISAP) has initiated the formation and promotion of FPOs of beekeepers and honey collectors in 5 states of India.
 - These 5 locations are **East Champaran** (Bihar), **Morena** (Madhya Pradesh), **Bharatpur** (Rajasthan), **Mathura** (Uttar Pradesh) and **Sunderbans** (West Bengal).
 - The **first Honey FPO** has been registered in the state of Madhya Pradesh under the [National Beekeeping and Honey Mission](#) (NBHM).
- **Benefits:**
 - **Skill Upgradation** in scientific beekeeping.
 - State of the art **infrastructural facilities** for processing honey and allied beekeeping products like **bee's wax, propolis, royal jelly, bee venom**, etc.

- Quality upgradation by **quality control laboratories**.
- Better **supply chain management** by improving **collection, storage, bottling and marketing centres**.
- Promotion and Formation of FPOs is the first step for **converting Krishi into Atmanirbhar Krishi**.
- **Other Efforts by Government to Promote Beekeeping:**
 - Government is promoting beekeeping as part of its **aim to double farmers' income and ensure tribal upliftment**.
 - The Government has **allocated Rs. 500 crore** towards beekeeping under the [Atmanirbhar Abhiyan](#).
 - [Apiary on Wheels](#):
 - It is a unique concept designed by the [Khadi and Village Industries Commission](#) (KVIC) for the easy upkeep and migration of Bee Boxes having live Bee colonies.
 - The **National Bee Board** has created four modules to impart training as part of the NBHM.
 - Under it, 30 lakh farmers have been trained in beekeeping and are also being financially supported by the Government.
 - Mini Mission 1 and Mini Mission 2 are schemes under the mission.
 - The Government launched **NBHM** as part of '**Sweet Revolution**'.
 - The 'Sweet Revolution' was launched in **2016** to **promote beekeeping and associated activities**.

National Agricultural Cooperative Marketing Federation of India Ltd

- It is an **apex organization of marketing cooperatives** for agricultural produce in India.
- It was founded on **2nd October 1958** and is registered under the **Multi-State Co-operative Societies Act, 2002**.
- NAFED is now **one of the largest procurement as well as marketing agencies** for agricultural products in India.
- **Objectives:**
 - To organize, promote and develop marketing, processing and storage of agricultural, horticultural and forest produce.
 - To distribute agricultural machinery, implements and other inputs, undertake inter-state, import and export trade, wholesale or retail as the case may be.
 - To act and assist for technical advice in agricultural production for the promotion and the working of its members, partners, associates and cooperative marketing, processing and supply societies in India.

National Bee Board

- SFAC registered the NBB as a society under the **Societies Registration Act, 1860** in 2000 and it was reconstituted (with the secretary as chairman) in June 2006.
- Objective:
 - Overall **development of beekeeping by promoting scientific beekeeping** in India to increase the productivity of crops through pollination and increase the honey production for increasing the income of the beekeepers/farmers.
- Presently NBB is implementing [National Horticulture Mission](#) (NHM) and **Horticulture Mission for North East and Himalayan State** (HMNEM).

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